To Jim Garrison from Harold Weisberg 3/27/68

Matt Herron

You will recall you agreed that we should tap the anti-anti-Castro group, small as it is, for information. Accordingly, I arranged to have a long talk with Matt Herron who, of the people I knew in New Orleans, was the one it seemed to me is best suited to this and several other tasks. I had never met him before, but this presented no problem. We had spoken.

I gave him the leads given me by Orest Pena, the names of the four men Pena told me he had turned in to the FBI as pre-Castro, as a beginning point, and another and a few suggestions. He will follow through on this and deliver his material to Sciambra or Iven.

His profession and the connections he has through it equip him to undertake a search for the pictures that might show the "fist-city" or other Mexicans. I had Gary Schoener check the library copies of the newspapers for [redacted] such a picture. He found none. Other possibilities are the morgue and other editions, and on the chance Ricardo Davis' recollection of having seen the picture in the paper is correct, this should be done. His recollection is so definite, I suggest that it may mean, if the picture was not published, that he saw the [redacted] man, in person. The tape of the interview reveals how positive Davis was. Matt will carry this through.

Also, of the people I know or knew of, I think he can best attempt to establish a rapport with some of the apparently enormous homosexual community. I have made some beginnings. I expect to see Matt about 11 o'clock tonight and I will then turn these leads and this information over to him. If this cannot happen tonight, I will do it by mail. It is not really difficult to approach these people, and I think it is not impossible to get them to talk. I have already interviewed some and gotten some information from them. For example, Ivan Cottman several months ago told me where Will Brady now is, and Johnny Edmundy told me of Oswald and the old Society Page.